GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
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UNIFORM FEE STRUCTURE IN IIMs
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more IIMs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has freed the Indian Institutes of. Management from the condition of uniform fee structure and allowed them to fix the fees on their own;

(d) if so, the justification behind not keeping all IIMs under uniform fee structure;

(e) the manner in which the Government would save the students as well as their parents from adverse impact of said decision in these hard days;

(f) whether V.K. Shunglu Committee set up by the Government to look into the financial structure of the IIM has given its reportto the Government;

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the recommendation of the Committee; and

(h) if not, the time by when the Committee would submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOpMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABRA STARRED OUESTION NO. 34 FOR 06.07.2004 ASKED BY SHRI SHIVAJI ADHALRAO PATIL AND SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH REGARDING UNIFORM FEE STRUCTURE IN IIMs.

It is proposed to set up an Indian Institute of Management at an appropriate location, in the North Eastern Region, in consultation with the Chief Ministers of the Region.

The Board of Governors of the six Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education at the Institute for want of financial resources;

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-04 will be continued in the session starting June 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for receiving financial assistance amounting up to full tuition fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuition fee waiver. Apart from the tuition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived. All the Institutes will give active assistance and support to all other students who need to obtain bank loans.

Thus the IIMs have taken a more compassionate view of the needs of financially disadvantaged students. The students who are able to pay full fees will be assisted, if need be, for obtaining loans, but the students whose family income are below Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum, will not have to pay any tuition fees. It means that instead of Rs.30,000 fees which everyone was supposed to pay, the poor students have been given a total fee waiver and those who can afford to pay will pay the normal fees.

The Government is fully committed to respecting the. autonomy of all the institutes of higher learning which have attained excellence. For respecting the autonomy of the IIMs, the Government have accepted the above said fee structure and has withdrawn its earlier order dated 5th February, 2004 fixing fee in IIMs at Rs. 30,000/- per annum on 29th June, 2004.

V.K. Shunglu Committee has submitted its report to the Government. The Government will take an appropriate view about the recommendations, in consultation with the IIMs.